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73rd Annual Meeting Midwestern Legislative Conference

Winnipeg, Manitoba | July 15-18, 2018



- » **CSG Midwest/MLC Office:** Room 15 | First Floor | Convention Centre North
- » **Host Province Office:** Room 16 | First Floor | Convention Centre North
- » **Presenters Room:** VIP Salon | First Floor | Convention Centre North

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- » **Saturday:** 12:30–6 p.m.
- » **Sunday:** 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
- » **Monday and Tuesday:** 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
- » **Wednesday:** 8:30–10 a.m.

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- » **Delta Hotel:** Delta123
- » **Convention Centre:** #telus

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Andrew Swan, MLA, Opposition Whip

Michael Richards, Deputy Cabinet Secretary and Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

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Rick Yarish, Deputy Clerk, Manitoba Legislative Assembly

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WELCOME TO THE 73RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MIDWESTERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Breakfasts and receptions are located in the Delta Hotel; most other sessions are located in the RBC Convention Centre. The spouses and guests of attendees are welcome to attend any session. Unless otherwise indicated, attire for all events is business casual.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

6:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

OFFSITE

MLC MIDWEST-CANADA ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE SITE VISIT TO WUSKWATIM HYDROELECTRIC GENERATING STATION

Casual Attire | Separate Preregistration Required

SATURDAY, JULY 14

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

DELTA HOTEL AND OFFSITE

MLC MIDWEST-CANADA ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Charleswood B | Second Floor

12:30 to 6 p.m.

CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK/CSG-SPONSORED INTERNET ACCESS

Southeast Concourse | First Floor

SIGN-UP FOR TUESDAY AFTERNOON SITE VISITS TO INNOVATION ALLEY'S NORTH FORGE FABRICATION LAB OR THE KLEYSSEN INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED MEDICINE

Southeast Concourse | First Floor

See page 15 for details; space is limited.

1:30 to 7:45 p.m.

OFFSITE

MLC AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SITE VISIT

Offsite Event | Casual Attire | Separate Preregistration Required

A bus will depart from the Delta Hotel's 350 St. Mary Avenue entrance and return by 7:45 p.m. Dinner is included.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

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9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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10 to 11:30 a.m.

CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

MLC AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Room 4-5 East | First Floor | Open to All Attendees

The Canadian supply management program controls the production and price of milk, cheese, eggs, chicken and turkey. The committee will review how this system operates and how it impacts farm profitability. Participants will also investigate how different states and provinces are encouraging farmers to use production methods that improve water quality. Time will be reserved for committee business as well.

MLC AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE OFFICERS



Minnesota Rep.
Paul Anderson,
Co-Chair



Iowa Sen.
Kevin Kinney,
Co-Chair



Illinois Rep.
Norine Hammond,
Vice Chair

Presenters:

- » Hon. Ralph Eichler, Minister of Agriculture, Manitoba
- » Mr. Matt Lechtenberg, Water Quality Coordinator, Iowa Department of Agriculture
- » Rep. John Patterson, Ohio
- » Mr. David Wiens, Owner, Skyline Dairy; Chairman, Dairy Farmers of Manitoba; and Vice President, Dairy Farmers of Canada

MLC EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Room 4-5 West | First Floor | Open to All Attendees

Along with a featured presentation that provides an overview of early-childhood policies and investments in Canada, participants will take part in a roundtable discussion on promising strategies in the Midwest's states and provinces. Time also will be reserved to consider committee business.

MLC EDUCATION COMMITTEE OFFICERS



Wisconsin Rep.
Eric Genrich,
Co-Chair



Kansas Rep.
Melissa Rooker,
Co-Chair



South Dakota
Sen. Jim Bolin,
Vice Chair

Presenter:

- » Dr. Emis Akbari, Professor, School of Early Childhood, George Brown College; and Atkinson Centre for Society and Child Development, University of Toronto

10 to 11:30 a.m. CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

MLC MIDWEST-CANADA RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Room 6-8 | First Floor | Open to All Attendees

The economies of many communities in the region, including small and mid-sized cities, are closely tied to exporting. The presenters for this session have studied the impact of tariffs and trade agreements on communities in the United States and Canada, and will share their findings. The committee will also have a short business session.

Presenters:

- » Mr. Dan Ciuriak, Director and Principal, Ciuriak Consulting Inc.; and Fellow-in-Residence, C.D. Howe Institute
- » Dr. Sherman Robinson, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics

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11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

MLC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Room 3 | First Floor | Lunch Will Be Provided | Open to All Attendees

12 to 1:30 p.m. CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

MLC POLICY COMMITTEES LUNCH

Pan Am Room | Second Floor | Open to All Attendees of MLC Policy Committee Meetings

3 to 4:30 p.m. CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

MLC CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Room 6-8 | First Floor | Open to All Attendees

A guest expert from CSG's Justice Center will present a closer look at state efforts to implement data-driven reforms designed to curb recidivism, reduce spending and improve public safety. Committee members will also take part in a roundtable discussion of criminal justice issues across the Midwest.

Presenters:

- » Ms. Grace Call, Policy Advisor, State Initiatives, CSG Justice Center
- » Ms. Michelle Rodriguez, Policy Analyst, State Initiatives, CSG Justice Center

MLC CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OFFICERS



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Co-Chair



Illinois Sen.
Mattie Hunter,
Co-Chair



North Dakota Rep.
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Jones, Vice Chair

3 to 4:30 p.m. CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

MLC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Room 4-5 East | First Floor | Open to All Attendees

After hearing from experts on the role of policymakers in helping to support entrepreneurship and create an entrepreneurial economy, participants will engage in a roundtable discussion of ideas and strategies for fostering this activity in their states and provinces. Time also will be reserved for the discussion of committee business.

Presenters:

- » Ms. Melissa Roberts, Vice President of Communications and Outreach, Enterprise Center in Johnson County
- » Mr. Gustavo Zentner, President, InterPOC Inc. (International Point Of Commerce); and Senior Advisor, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters

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MLC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Room 4-5 West | First Floor | Open to All Attendees

Participants will hear from our host province about how Manitoba approaches its mental/behavioral health system and how it distributes and pays for related services, as well as discuss what state governments can learn from the Canadian system generally and from Manitoba specifically. Time also will be reserved for the discussion of committee business.

Presenters:

- » Dr. Ginette Poulin, Medical Director, Addictions Foundation of Manitoba
- » Dr. Jitender Sareen, Medical Director, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Mental Health Program

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4:30 to 5 p.m. DELTA HOTEL

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

Kildonan Room | Second Floor

If this is your first time attending the MLC Annual Meeting, come learn more about the Midwestern Legislative Conference and The Council of State Governments. You will also have the chance to win a \$50 gift card.

5 to 6 p.m.

DELTA HOTEL

BILLD ALUMNI RECEPTION | BY INVITATION ONLY

Assiniboia A | Concourse Level

NEWCOMERS RECEPTION

Charleswood | Second Floor

If this is your first MLC Annual Meeting, come enjoy refreshments and meet MLC Executive Committee members as well as other legislators attending their first MLC Annual Meeting.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

OFFSITE

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE

Enjoy the best Manitoba has to offer in quality local food and drink as you sample delicious grown- and made-in-Manitoba food and beverages. Relax as you stroll through the beautiful grounds at the Manitoba Legislature and partake in the "Salute to Crown." After dinner, tour Winnipeg's magnificent Legislative Building — one of the finest in Canada. Participate in guided tours of the Legislative Building, or self-tour if you wish. Consider attending what we believe will be a "very special legislative session" featuring Midwestern state legislators as they demonstrate how "Question Period" helps advance governance in Manitoba. (Note: Seating is limited for this "Question Period" event.)

Buses will depart beginning at 6:20 p.m. from the Delta Hotel's 350 St. Mary Avenue entrance and will make a loop between the hotel and Legislative Building every 20 minutes, with the last bus leaving the Legislative Building at 9:30 p.m.

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MONDAY, JULY 16

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6:15 to 7:30 a.m.

DELTA HOTEL

FITNESS WALK

Meet in the Delta Hotel lobby at 6:15 a.m. and discover downtown Winnipeg and the Riverwalk. Maps will be available.

7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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7:30 to 8:45 a.m.

DELTA HOTEL

BUFFET BREAKFAST

Delta Grand Ballroom | Second Floor

BILLD STEERING COMMITTEE BUSINESS SESSION

Kildonan Room | Second Floor | Committee Members Only | Breakfast Included

BREAKFAST TABLE TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

Please plan to join your colleagues for one of these legislator-initiated and -led discussions. Breakfast will be provided.

» Improving Rural Access to Broadband Technology

Charleswood A | Second Floor

Discussion facilitator: Rep. Tom Sloan, Kansas

» Suicide Prevention

Charleswood B | Second Floor

Discussion facilitator: Rep. Joan Ballweg, Wisconsin

» What Role Can States and Provinces Play in NAFTA Discussions? (Hosted by MLC Midwest-Canada NAFTA Subcommittee)

Assiniboia A | Concourse Level

Discussion facilitator: Sen. Karen Tallian, Indiana; and Chair, MLC Midwest-Canada NAFTA Subcommittee

9 to 10:30 a.m.

CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

OPENING AND KEYNOTE SESSION

Room 1-2 | First Floor

MLC ANNUAL MEETING WELCOME

Sen. Elgie Sims, Jr., Illinois, MLC First Vice Chair

WELCOME TO MANITOBA

Premier Brian Pallister, Manitoba

WELCOME TO WINNIPEG

Mayor Brian Bowman, Winnipeg

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: THE TIES THAT BIND — THE VITAL U.S.-CANADA RELATIONSHIP

Allies, neighbors, partners and friends — the United States and Canada share much more than the world's longest undefended border. Former Manitoba Premier and Former Canadian Ambassador to the United States Gary Doer will share his unique insights and perspective on the nature and importance of the special relationship between Canada and the United States and the role of state and provincial legislators in forging stronger cross-border ties. He will also discuss some of the challenges and opportunities that promise to shape the U.S.-Canada relationship in the years to come.

Presenter: Mr. Gary Doer, Former Manitoba Premier and Former Canadian Ambassador to the United States



Premier Brian Pallister



Mayor Brian Bowman



Keynote speaker
Gary Doer

10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m.

CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

SHARED BORDER, SHARED POLICY CHALLENGES

Room 1-2 | First Floor

Panelists will respond to Ambassador Doer's remarks, discuss cross-border collaborative efforts and identify shared policy challenges shaping the future of the Canada-U.S. relationship.

Moderator:

» Dr. Laura Dawson, Director, Canada Institute, Wilson Center

Presenters:

» Mr. Carlo Dade, Director, Trade and Investment Centre, Canada West Foundation

» Mr. Matt Morrison, CEO, Pacific Northwest Economic Region

» Mr. Colin Robertson, Vice President and Fellow, Canadian Global Affairs Institute

12 to 2 p.m.

CONVENTION CENTRE SOUTH

LUNCHEON

York Ballroom 1 | First Floor

WELCOME REMARKS

Speaker Myrna Driedger, Manitoba Legislative Assembly; and Host Province Committee Chair

NATIONAL CSG REPORT

Rep. Joan Ballweg, Wisconsin, CSG Vice Chair

PRESENTATION: THE ART OF LEADING THROUGH CONTINUOUS CHANGE

The first neurologist and Canadian woman in space, Roberta Bondar has conducted groundbreaking work for NASA on changes in human physiology. She will draw on her unique experiences and medical knowledge to explore how we can thrive in periods of continuous change.

Presenter: Dr. Roberta Bondar, Astronaut, Physician, Scientist and Photographer



2:15 to 3:45 p.m.

CONVENTION CENTRE SOUTH

JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM

York Ballroom 3 | First Floor

This session will focus on states' efforts to improve their juvenile justice systems and will include a look at CSG's "Improving Outcomes for Youth: A Statewide Juvenile Justice Initiative."

This session is being presented by the MLC Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee.

Presenter:

» Ms. Nina Salomon, Project Manager, Corrections and Reentry, CSG Justice Center

MENTAL HEALTH DELIVERY IN THE SCHOOLS/STRATEGIES TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH 'DEEPER LEARNING' OPPORTUNITIES

York Ballroom 4 | First Floor

With the help of two leading experts, participants will learn about two policies that aim to improve student outcomes: 1) improving the delivery of mental health services to young people in the schools; and 2) expanding the availability of "deeper learning" opportunities.

This session is being presented by the MLC Education Committee.

Presenters:

» Dr. Mark Weist, Professor of Psychology, University of South Carolina

» Mr. Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director, National Center for Innovation in Education, University of Kentucky

2:15 to 3:45 p.m.

CONVENTION CENTRE SOUTH

NAFTA AND BEYOND: BUILDING ON THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

York Ballroom 2 | First Floor

The North American Free Trade Agreement has led to closer economic ties between the United States and Canada, but uncertainty over NAFTA's future and the imposition of new tariffs have put markets in flux. This session will examine the prospects for reaching a trade agreement, and the potential consequences if one is not reached.

This session is being presented by the MLC Midwest-Canada Relations Committee.

Presenters:

» Dr. Laura Dawson, Director, Canada Institute, Wilson Center

» Mr. Jeff Vassart, President, Cargill Ltd. (Canada)

4 to 5:30 p.m.

CONVENTION CENTRE SOUTH

CANADA'S PROTEIN HIGHWAY/FUTURE OF HEMP PRODUCTION AND TRADE

York Ballroom 2 | First Floor

Canada's Prairie Provinces and the U.S. Midwest have a huge capacity for growing plant-based proteins. Making the most of this regional advantage is the goal of the Protein Highway initiative. As part of this session, participants will also review the opportunities and challenges ahead for a growing hemp industry.

This session is being presented by the MLC Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

Presenter:

» Mr. Shaun Crew, Founder and Former President, Hemp Oil Canada

THE OUTLOOK FOR MANUFACTURING IN NORTH AMERICA'S HEARTLAND

York Ballroom 3 | First Floor

This session will explore trends in manufacturing, including the impact of technological advances and global competition. Participants also will examine various facets of this economic sector — for example, the future of traditional and advanced manufacturing, as well as how manufacturing can contribute to the prosperity of small and rural communities.

This session is being presented by the MLC Economic Development Committee.

Presenter:

» Mr. Bob Kill, President and CEO, Enterprise Minnesota

MYTH-BUSTING THE CANADIAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM: HOW DOES IT REALLY WORK?

York Ballroom 4 | First Floor

Americans have heard plenty about the Canadian health care system, but how does it really work? What is the role of the provinces and federal government? Two people with deep knowledge of the system will share their insights.

This session is being presented by the MLC Health & Human Services Committee.

Presenters:

» Hon. Kelvin Goertzen, Manitoba Minister of Health, Seniors & Active Living

» Mr. Adam Topp, Director of Health Transformation, Manitoba

6 to 9 p.m.

OFFSITE

FAMILY NIGHT AT ASSINIBOINE PARK ZOO'S JOURNEY TO CHURCHILL EXHIBIT

The award-winning Journey to Churchill exhibit is home to polar bears and is the most comprehensive northern species exhibit of its kind in the world. Enjoy live interactions between zookeepers and polar bears, take carriage rides at McFeetors Heavy Horse Centre, see the new butterfly garden and visit many other zoo exhibits. The evening will start with great food and beverages from Manitoba, with a special menu for kids (and the young at heart) at the Tundra Grill. The evening will end with free music at the Lyric Theatre.

Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Sun protection and hats are recommended. To gain entrance to the MLC Family Night, all participants (adults and youths) must wear conference registration credentials.

Buses will depart beginning at 6 p.m. from the Delta Hotel's 350 St. Mary Avenue entrance and will make a loop between the hotel and Assiniboine Park Special Events Entry on Zoo Drive every 30 minutes, with the last bus leaving the zoo at 9:15 p.m.

Entrance to the MLC Family Night is located at the Special Event Entry on Zoo Drive. Please speak with conference staff at the MLC Registration & Information Desk at your earliest convenience if you have special transportation needs or other requirements.

9:30 to 10:30 p.m.

DELTA HOTEL

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Delta Ballroom C | Second Floor

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MLC RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Assiniboia B | Concourse Level

BREAKFAST TABLE TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

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- » Commonsense Gun Legislation
Charleswood A | Second Floor
Discussion facilitator: Rep. Art Staed, Iowa
- » Transportation Funding Options
Charleswood B | Second Floor
Discussion facilitator: Rep. Tim Butler, Illinois

9 to 10:15 a.m.

CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

POLICIES TO BUILD A 'NEW ENERGY ECONOMY'

Room 1-2 | First Floor

In this session, a former state governor and national expert will explore policy strategies that help build consensus and provide the foundations for success in the "new energy economy."

Opening remarks:

- » Hon. Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources,
Government of Canada

Presenter:

- » Mr. Bill Ritter, Former Governor of Colorado; and
Director, Center for the New Energy Economy,
Colorado State University



Bill Ritter

10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

RIVERS, RAILS AND ROADS: THE MIDWEST'S TRANSPORTATION EDGE

Room 1-2 | First Floor

The Midwest is North America's transportation crossroads, providing our region with connections to every coast and continent. This session will include a historical perspective on the importance of transportation as a competitive advantage benefiting states and provinces across the Midwest. Guest experts will also discuss some of the key transportation-related policy issues that lawmakers are likely to face in the coming years.

Presenters:

- » Dr. John Fuller, Planning Professor, University of Iowa
- » Mr. Joe Schwieterman, Director, DePaul University's Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development

11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

CONVENTION CENTRE SOUTH

LUNCHEON

York Ballroom 1 | First Floor

BOWHAY INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (BILLD) REPORT

Sen. Sara Howard, Nebraska, BILLD Steering Committee Co-Chair

PRESENTATION: PATHWAY TO PARTNERSHIP — THE LASTING LEGACY OF WORLD WAR I ON U.S.-CANADA RELATIONS

In this presentation, historian Brian Tennyson will discuss how and why the First World War led to a lasting shift in relations between Canada and the United States — from the decades of unease and hostility between the nations that preceded the global conflict, to the emergence of a strong cross-border partnership that continues to this day.

Presenter: Dr. Brian Tennyson, Historian and Author, "Canada's Great War, 1914-1918: How Canada Helped Save the British Empire and Became a North American Nation"



2 to 3:15 p.m.

CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

FEATURED PRESENTATION: 2018 ELECTIONS PREVIEW

Room 1-2 | First Floor

Amy Walter has built a reputation as an accurate, objective and knowledgeable political analyst with unparalleled access to campaign insiders and decision-makers. During this session, participants will hear what is at stake this November, including partisan control of the U.S. Congress, state legislatures and governors' offices, as well as the key factors likely to determine electoral outcomes.

Presenter: Ms. Amy Walter, National Editor, *Cook Political Report*



3:30 to 5 p.m.

CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH

FISCAL LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

Room 3 | First Floor

Guest experts will present an overview of current fiscal conditions in the states, as well as a look at the potential significance of recent and pending U.S. Supreme Court cases with respect to the fiscal landscape. Participants will also take part in a roundtable discussion of recent developments related to state and provincial budgets across the Midwest.

Moderator: Hon. Cameron Friesen, Minister of Finance, Manitoba

Presenters:

- » Mr. John Hicks, Executive Director, National Association of State Budget Officers
- » Ms. Lisa Soronen, Executive Director, State and Local Legal Center

3:30 to 5 p.m.

SITE VISITS

Registration for the two site visits is limited and required by 12 p.m. on Tuesday. It can be completed at the MLC Registration & Information Desk.

SITE VISIT TO INNOVATION ALLEY'S NORTH FORGE FABRICATION LAB

Take part in a guided tour of North America's largest fabrication lab dedicated to the development of new businesses based on manufacturing, technology and business prototyping. Learn how technology adoption and commercialization are fostered by access to and experimentation with new technologies and business concepts, rapid prototyping, and support from the entrepreneur and innovation communities. Located in Winnipeg's storied Exchange District, this mentor-driven lab accelerates entrepreneurship and innovation in new and mature businesses.

SITE VISIT TO THE KLEYSEN INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED MEDICINE AT THE HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE

See and learn about recent advances in medical technology while visiting The Centre for Surgical Innovation (CSI) and the Varian EDGE Radiosurgery Clinic. Employing technology that is unique in Canada and rare around the world, CSI features an Intraoperative MRI Research Suite embedded between two advanced operating rooms. The Varian EDGE Radiosurgery Clinic offers stereotactic body radiation therapy — a nonsurgical, minimally invasive way of treating certain types of tumors. This technique allows for higher doses of radiation, greater precision and fewer treatments.

Buses for the two site visits will depart at 3:30 p.m. from the Delta Hotel's 350 St. Mary Avenue entrance.

5 to 6 p.m.

DELTA HOTEL

CONTRIBUTORS RECEPTION | BY INVITATION ONLY

Charleswood | 2nd Floor

5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

MLC 2018 MEETING APP

To download the app, see the inside front cover of this program for instructions or stop by the MLC Registration Desk for help. With the app, you can provide us with valuable feedback on individual sessions (just click on a session and scroll down to answer three quick questions) while also accessing presentations and handouts from the meeting.

8:30 to 10 a.m.

DELTA HOTEL

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DESK

Lobby | First Floor

8:30 to 10 a.m.

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Southeast Concourse | First Floor

8:30 to 10 a.m.

DELTA HOTEL

BREAKFAST AND MLC BUSINESS SESSION

Delta Grand Ballroom B & C | Second Floor

Everyone is invited to attend the MLC business session. Members will elect new conference officers and act on proposed resolutions. Larry Isaak, president of the Midwest Higher Education Compact, will update members on the work of MHEC.

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

DELTA HOTEL

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: WORKING WITH THE MEDIA

Delta Grand Ballroom A | Second Floor

Presenter: Mr. Adam Schrager, Author and Investigative Producer/Reporter, WISC-TV, Madison

What makes news? How can you get featured on TV or in the newspaper, or trending online? What are the best and worst ways to publicize legislation? Get answers to these and other media questions while brushing up on your skills in communicating to reporters during interactive training by veteran journalist Adam Schrager.



SPOUSE, GUEST & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Space for day trips is limited. Although advance registration was required, inquire at the MLC Registration & Information Desk about availability. Lunch will be provided on all day trips. Attire for all events is casual, unless otherwise noted. Please inform conference staff at the registration desk if you have special needs or other requirements.

Youth Events: An adult must accompany a child under the age of 5. Please have children wear their MLC-provided T-shirts. Adults can only attend daytime and evening youth activities if they are accompanying their child and have paid the \$175 registration fee.

Spouses/Adult Guests: In addition to the special day trips listed below, you are welcome to attend any session on the business program.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

YOUTH MEET & GREET AT THE MANITOBA MUSEUM'S SCIENCE GALLERY & PLANETARIUM

Get to know other kids from the Midwest and Canada as you learn about the universal laws of science and explore the wonders of technology and illusion in the Science Gallery. Learn about yourself and the world around you in an entertaining, hands-on atmosphere where you become the scientist. And what evening would be complete without looking up into the night sky? Since we will be indoors, be prepared for a very "enlightening" show at the Planetarium!

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Parents: Please drop off your child and check in with a youth coordinator in the Tuxedo Room, located on the first floor of the Delta Hotel, by 6:15 p.m. Please pick up your child by 9:45 p.m. in the Tuxedo Room.

FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE

Enjoy the best Manitoba has to offer in quality local food and drink as you sample delicious grown- and made-in-Manitoba food and beverages. Relax as you stroll through the beautiful grounds at the Manitoba Legislature and partake in the "Salute to Crown." After dinner, tour Winnipeg's magnificent Legislative Building — one of the finest in Canada. Participate in guided tours of the Legislative Building, or self-tour if you wish. Consider attending what we believe will be a "very special legislative session" featuring Midwestern state legislators as they demonstrate how "Question Period" helps advance governance in Manitoba. (Note: Seating is limited for this "Question Period" event.)

Buses will depart beginning at 6:20 p.m. from the Delta Hotel's 350 St. Mary Avenue entrance and will make a loop between the hotel and Legislative Building every 20 minutes, with the last bus leaving the Legislative Building at 9:30 p.m.

Please speak with conference staff at the MLC Registration & Information Desk at your earliest convenience if you have special transportation needs or other requirements.



MONDAY, JULY 16

6:15 to 7:30 a.m.

FOR ALL AGES (ANYONE UNDER AGE 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

FITNESS WALK (MAPS AVAILABLE)

Meet in the Delta Hotel lobby at 6:15 a.m. and discover downtown Winnipeg and the Riverwalk.

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

VOYAGEUR FOR A DAY AT FORT GIBRALTAR

Be a time traveler and experience what life was like for the French Canadian fur traders who opened up the fur trade in Manitoba. Participate in a guided tour of the fort, and learn authentic crafts through hands-on experiences. Fort Gibraltar was a North West Company fur trading post. Today's replica is a great example of life in the Red River Valley during the early 1800s.

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FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS

LEARN, EAT, SHOP: FAVORITE THINGS TO DO IN MANITOBA

The day starts with a 90-minute guided tour of the Manitoba Museum, which is renowned for its vivid portrayal of the province's rich and colorful history. At De Luca's family restaurant, develop your culinary skills and enjoy as Chef Mike demonstrates and dishes up a four-course lunch. After shopping at the European market, the day will conclude with a one-hour shopping visit to the area's newest fashion outlet mall, which features about 100 outlet retailers offering a new level of shopping experience that caters to all tastes and budgets.

A bus will depart at 8:45 a.m. from the Delta Hotel's 350 St. Mary Avenue entrance and return at 4:30 p.m.

6 to 9 p.m.

FOR ALL AGES

FAMILY NIGHT AT ASSINIBOINE PARK ZOO'S JOURNEY TO CHURCHILL EXHIBIT

The award-winning Journey to Churchill exhibit is home to polar bears and is the most comprehensive northern species exhibit of its kind in the world. Enjoy live interactions between zookeepers and polar bears, take carriage rides at McFeeters Heavy Horse Centre, see the new butterfly garden and visit many other zoo exhibits. The evening will start with great food and beverages from Manitoba, with a special menu for kids (and the young at heart) at the Tundra Grill. The evening will end with free music at the Lyric Theatre.

Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Sun protection and hats are recommended. To gain entrance to the MLC Family Night, all participants (adults and youths) must wear conference registration credentials.

Buses will depart beginning at 6 p.m. from the Delta Hotel's 350 St. Mary Avenue entrance and will make a loop between the hotel and Assiniboine Park Special Events Entry on Zoo Drive every 40 minutes, with the last bus leaving the zoo at 9:15 p.m.

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TUESDAY, JULY 17

6:15 to 7:30 a.m.

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OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Escape to the peaceful wilderness of Oak Hammock Marsh. Onsite guides and knowledgeable interpreters will bring life to the world of Manitoba's wetlands through experiential learning. Tour through the marsh, connect with nature, "critter-dip," and experience ecological and traditional Aboriginal games. And don't miss the bannock bake!

Children and teens: Please wear your MLC-provided shirt along with comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Sun protection and hats are recommended.

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FOR SPOUSES & OTHER ADULT GUESTS

SHOW ME THE MONEY/SPIRITS OF MANITOBA

Have you ever wondered what it takes to produce over 1,000 coins per second? The Royal Canadian Mint in Winnipeg is a high-tech, high-volume manufacturing facility. Every single Canadian circulation coin is produced here — literally billions each year. The Mint has also made over 55 billion coins for more than 75 countries around the world. Take a guided tour of operations, enjoy lunch, and capture what it feels like to "hold some gold." After the Mint, there is no better way to get into the Manitoba spirit than to experience first-hand Manitoba's growing craft brewery and distillery industry. Learn how the products are made while sampling tastes designed to please every palate — and feel free to take a bit of Manitoba home with you.

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This event will be fun for novice and experienced football players alike. Show off and improve your skills on a real-life football field. Tour Investors Group Stadium, meet a few professional players from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and have some laughs with the team mascots — Buzz and Boomer. Train how the pros train with inflatables and tackle weeblies, while also learning how to throw like a pro quarterback.

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2014

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2010

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2009

Overland Park, Kansas
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2008

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2007

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2006

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2005

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2004

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2002

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Sen. **Rich Wardner**, Chair

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September 21-22 | Erie, Pennsylvania

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October 3-5 | Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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June 10-13 | Washington, D.C.

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